

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Upper Arkansas WS - All Lands/Wildlife

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Upper Arkansas WS - All Lands/Wildlife		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the proposed project located within the State NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Has any portion of the offered acres been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or an Archeologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the proposed project acres located in a State recognized, identified wildlife/habitat area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. If Question 1 is "no" is the proposed project acres located in a Locally recognized, identified wildlife area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Are human disturbances/occupied dwelling(s) and activities greater than 1,320 feet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Are human disturbance/occupied dwelling(s) and activities less than 1,320 feet, but greater than 660 feet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the proposed project is adjacent to an EXISTING, on-going, active wildlife habitat enhancement, maintenance, or restoration effort?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Are the proposed project acres are contiguous?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Are there contributing wildlife partners?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Is this application a joint agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Short Grass Prairie?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Seasonal Wetlands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Sand Sage Prairie/Mixed Grass?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Riparian/Wetland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Is the key habitat that will be maintained, improved, or enhanced Cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Does the implemented conservation treatment favors a Federal threatened or endangered species or a State endangered species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Does the implemented conservation treatment favors a State species of concern, State threatened or Federal candidate species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Does the implemented conservation system and facilitating practices favor a declining native or economically important species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Does he implemented conservation system and facilitating practices favor species with stable or increasing	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

populations, or are not otherwise listed?	
18. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >0 but =<4?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >4 but =<8?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >8 but =<12?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
21. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >12 but =<16?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >16 but =<20?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
23. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >20 but =<24?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
24. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >24 but =<28?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
25. Is the limiting factor score for the target species >28 but =<32?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
26. Does the conservation treatment include the maintenance of previously enrolled or currently enrolled, but soon to be expired CRP lands as part of the wildlife management system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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